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In re Application of
Bowker et al.
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 15, 2004, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. § 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).

This petition lacks items (2) and (3) above. The funds were attempted to be collected from petitioner's deposit account, No. 12-1639 numerous times, but there was never sufficient funds. As of July 2005, the account is listed as having a negative balance. Accordingly, to reinstate the above-identified application, petitioner must supply the maintenance fee and the \$1640.00 surcharge.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$130 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted above; since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Commissioner.

Petitioner should note that if this petition is not renewed, or if renewed and not granted, then the maintenance fees and post expiration surcharge are refundable. Petitioner may request a refund of the fees submitted on March 17, 2004. Please send all requests for refunds to the following address:

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